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- The Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland, Michigan, was under quarantine after nearly 100 prisoners and staff members contracted E-coli infections. – *WNEM 5 Bay City* (See item [40](#))
- Symantec reported that the hacker group that hit Google in 2010 has been targeting companies in many sectors -- including energy, defense, and finance -- with zero-day attacks to gather intelligence and steal intellectual property. – *Wired* (See item [41](#))
- Malware writers went on a record-breaking tear in the second quarter of 2012, generating 100,000 new samples per day, said a new McAfee report. – *Dark Reading* (See item [48](#))
- One person died and another was critically injured in a shooting at a Louisville, Kentucky church. – *WLEX 18 Lexington* (See item [49](#))
- Robbery suspects fired shots and took hostages inside a RadioShack store in Denver, forcing officials to evacuate many businesses, close streets, and lock down area schools. – *Denver Post* (See item [51](#))
- An earthen dam in the Lake Serene chain in Mississippi, damaged by Hurricane Isaac, showed erosion, forcing the draining of Oak Grove Lake and a precautionary evacuation. – *Hattiesburg American* (See item [61](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 7, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Natural gas leak at Illinois Street results in brief evacuation.** Two businesses and several residents were evacuated for about an hour for a gas leak near the intersection of Illinois Street and Charles Street in Fairbanks, Alaska, after a construction worker punctured a natural gas line with an excavator September 6. Responding firefighters found a 6-by-.5-inch gash in a gas main, said the battalion chief with the Fairbanks City Fire Department. The gas was under 45 pounds per square inch of pressure. Firefighters set up a safe zone, evacuating homes and the nearby Sourdough Fuel Plant and GVEA offices. People at Monroe School were directed to exit away from Illinois Street. Staff from Fairbanks Natural Gas arrived and put a sleeve on the damaged main. Another crew later will make a more permanent repair.
Source: http://newsminer.com/view/full_story/20070914/article-Natural-gas-leak-at-Illinois-Street-results-in-brief-evacuation?instance=home_news_window_left_bullets
2. *September 7, Reuters* – (International) **Insiders suspected in Saudi cyber attack.** One or more insiders with high-level access are suspected of assisting hackers who damaged some 30,000 computers at Saudi Arabia's national oil company in August, sources familiar with the company's investigation say, Reuters reported September 7. The attack using a computer virus known as Shamoon against Saudi Aramco — the world's biggest oil company — is one of the most destructive cyber strikes conducted against a single business. Shamoon spread through the company's network and wiped computers' hard drives clean. Saudi Aramco says damage was limited to office computers and did not affect systems software that might hurt technical operations. The hackers' apparent access to a mole, willing to take personal risk to help, is an extraordinary development in a country where open dissent is banned. Hackers from a group called "The Cutting Sword of Justice" claimed responsibility for the attack. They say the virus gave them access to documents from Aramco's computers, and have threatened to release secrets. Reports of similar attacks on other oil and gas firms in the

Middle East, including in neighboring Qatar, suggest there may be similar activity elsewhere in the region, although the attacks have not been linked.

Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/09/07/net-us-saudi-aramco-hack-idINBRE8860CR20120907>

3. *September 6, Alaska Dispatch* – (Alaska) **Restoring power to Alaska windstorm victims a round-the-clock job.** In the wake of a freak windstorm that knocked out power to tens of thousands September 4, power companies were still struggling to get electricity back on in many parts of Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley in Alaska. Thousands remained without power September 6 — and some customers may remain in the dark for days to come. By late September 6, only 500 customers were still without electricity, according to a press release from a Matanuska Electric Association spokesman. Most were concentrated in communities within a half-hour drive north from Anchorage — Eagle River, Birchwood, Peters Creek, and Chugiak. At the storm's peak, at least 60,000 homes lost electricity, including most of Municipal Light and Power's 30,000 customers, as falling trees and high winds knocked out all three of the company's transmission lines.
Source: <http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/restoring-power-alaska-windstorm-victims-round-clock-job>
4. *September 6, KFYY 5 Bismarck* – (North Dakota) **Authorities investigate Tuesday oil rig explosion.** One man was sent to the hospital in critical condition after an oil rig explosion September 4 in Mountrail County, North Dakota. The Mountrail County Sheriff's Department reported that a 9-1-1 call was received from a Hess Oil Rig, 12 miles southwest of Stanley. The oil worker fell from the top of a tank after the explosion. Ninety percent of his body sustained burns. The man was flown to a local hospital and then transferred to a burn unit at a hospital in Minnesota. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. The Mountrail County Sheriff's Department along with the oil field company that the victim is employed by, are continuing their investigations into the accident.
Source: http://www.kfyrtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=59131
5. *September 5, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Five workers injured in drilling accident in Frierson.** Five men were injured in a well site accident in Frierson, Louisiana, September 5. The Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office said a well service was fracking a well site when equipment malfunctioned. One worker was flown to a hospital, three were taken by ambulance, and one was taken by a personal vehicle. The sheriff said, though some of the injuries were serious, none were life threatening.
Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/19468431/five-workers-injured-in-drilling-accident-in-frierson>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **OSHA cites Citgo Refining and Chemicals for exposing workers to hazardous materials in Corpus Christi, Texas.** Citgo Refining and Chemicals Co. LP was cited for five safety violations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA opened an inspection at the firm's Corpus Christi, Texas facility upon receiving a complaint employees were exposed to a leak of hydrofluoric acid at a flange in the alkylation unit while performing maintenance. Proposed penalties total \$66,500. OSHA identified four serious violations, including failing to: properly record process safety information; ensure process hazard analysis is accurate; ensure equipment complies with required engineering practices; and provide a satisfactory relief valve design. One repeat violation is for failing to follow modification procedures in the alkylation unit.
Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/us-department-of-labors-oshacites-citgo-refining-and-chemicals-for-exposing-workers-to-hazardous-materials-in-corpus-christi-texas-313741>
7. *September 6, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Sun Chemical in Egelston Township had 1,400-pound ammonia release, didn't call 911.** Equipment failure at Sun Chemical Corp. in Egelston Township, Michigan, led to a release of 1,400 pounds of anhydrous ammonia vapor into the air September 3 over about 6 hours, MLive.com reported September 6. No one at the pigment-manufacturing company reported the toxic release to 9-1-1 within 15 minutes, a violation of federal rules. Muskegon County emergency service officials knew nothing about the incident until the next day. The release of the caustic gas started after a rupture disc failed on a refrigeration unit, said a report from Sun Chemical. Sun quarantined the affected area, patrolled the property perimeter with air monitors, and let the system bleed out. It found air concentrations of ammonia were low. But the director of the county's emergency services department said the firm did not call any agency the day of the release. "The area fire departments should have been notified and of course our hazardous materials team should have been notified," he said. The failure to report is a violation of environmental rules and will result in federal sanctions, according to the community right-to-know specialist with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Sun should have called local emergency officials as well as the National Response Center and the DEQ, she said. Sun notified the latter two agencies, but not until September 4.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2012/09/sun_chemical_in_egelston_towns.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *September 6, WBND 57 South Bend* – (Michigan) **Employees evacuated from Berrien County plant for ammonia leak.** The Advance Product factory in Benton Harbor, Michigan, was evacuated September 6 due to leaking ammonia. According to the North Berrien Fire Department, several workers reported a burning sensation in their eyes, nausea, and smelling a pungent odor. The Berrien County Sheriff's Department Hazardous Materials Team took measurements of the air quality inside the building before employees were allowed to enter. The leak was caused by a faulty valve on an ammonia tank, according to the fire chief. Carbon monoxide levels near the leak were over safe limits, and within 10 feet of the tank levels were hundreds of times above safe levels.

Source: <http://www.abc57.com/news/local/Employees-evacuated-from-Berrien-County-plant-for-ammonia-leak-168846336.html>

9. *September 6, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Windham office manager pleads guilty to falsifying logs.** The office manager of the Central Metal Finishing plant in Windham, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty to falsifying weekly inspection logs required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to comply with hazardous waste disposal regulations, the New Hampshire Union Leader reported September 6. The woman pleaded guilty in federal court to making false statements in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office said the violations were discovered in a routine check of compliance paperwork by the EPA.

Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20120906/NEWS03/709079948>

10. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Trailer holding 15 tons of steel stolen.** State police in central Pennsylvania said they are trying to track down the person who stole a flatbed trailer carrying more than 15 tons of steel tubing, the Associated Press reported September 4. Police said the 45-foot trailer carrying about 31,000 pounds of steel was taken from a fabrication company near Chambersburg. The Public Opinion of Chambersburg reported that the trailer was taken sometime between August 24-27.

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Trailer-holding-15-tons-of-steel-stolen/uiRGyLxypkyztwBQ06awhw.csp>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *September 6, Associated Press* – (California) **OSHA: Navy mishandled toxic materials.** The U.S. Navy was cited for workplace safety violations that exposed hundreds of employees at an aircraft hangar in Coronado, California, to toxic materials such as lead, cadmium, and beryllium, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced September 6. OSHA inspectors

found widespread contamination at the Coronado aircraft maintenance facility, including in areas where the 350 employees stored and consumed food, said the director of the agency's office in San Diego. The facility is a part of the Navy's Fleet Readiness Center Southwest and works on repairing F-18 fighter jets. The Navy was cited for 21 serious violations stemming from 3 OSHA inspections conducted in 2011. OSHA said a serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. The director said OSHA closely checked the facility after receiving complaints from employees. He said he did not know if any had fallen ill, but OSHA plans to recommend an assessment be done by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/09/ap-osh-navy-midhandled-toxic-materials-090612/>

12. *September 6, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **DSCC identifies hazardous substance found on site.** Officials identified and safely disposed of an unknown substance found at the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) in Columbus, Ohio September 5. Personnel from the DSCC emergency response team identified the substance as phosphorus. The container, which was about the size of a soup can, was unearthed September 5 in the northeast corner of the property. The container was safely removed and transported to the Columbus bomb squad range for proper disposal. Response crews said there were no remaining containers and any remaining phosphorus residue was safely burned off. The DSCC environmental team evaluated the site.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/sep/06/dscc-identifies-hazardous-substance-found-site-ar-1162594/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *September 6, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Bank robbery suspect ‘Dreaded Bandit,’ 3 others caught.** FBI officials announced September 6 that they had arrested four people, including one they described as the “Dreaded Bandit” in Austell, Georgia. The man was given the nickname for the dreadlocks seen in surveillance videos. The four men were arrested by Austell police during a traffic stop September 5. The FBI said the group was acting in a suspicious manner at a PNC Bank branch in Austell, and that the men were riding in a car that had been described as the vehicle in an earlier robbery. The FBI said they believe the suspects are the armed robbery crew responsible for three bank robberies in August — one at a BB&T branch in Marietta, a second at the PNC Bank branch in Dunwoody, and another at a Fifth Third Bank branch in Buckhead.

Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/255512/40/Bank-robbery-suspect-Dreded-Bandit-3-others-caught>

14. *September 6, NetworkWorld* – (National) **Insider security threat gets a serious look by US security agencies.** A study, “Insider Threat Study: Illicit Cyber Activity

Involving Fraud in the U.S. Financial Services Sector” funded by the DHS in collaboration with the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team Insider Threat Center, part of Carnegie Mellon University’s Software Engineering Institute looked at what they called technical and behavioral patterns from 67 insider and 13 external fraud cases that occurred between 2005 and 2012 to develop “insights and risk indicators of malicious insider activity,” NetworkWorld reported September 6. The study developed findings on insider threats to financial institutions including methods of insider fraud and theft. These included that most insiders did not use very technically sophisticated methods, that more than half of the cases used some form of authorized access, and that most incidents were detected through an audit, customer complaint, or coworker suspicion, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/community/node/81342>

15. *September 6, Reuters* – (New York) **New York State tax department attacks fraud on new front.** New York State has a new weapon in its arsenal — data collected from debit and credit card purchases that will help it detect retailers who are under-reporting sales, Reuters reported September 7. By checking customer data against retailer tax returns, wholesaler records, and other sources, the State hopes to find retailers who either fail to collect or remit sales taxes. New York’s approach to mining data began in 2003 with a goal of improving tax return audits. In the near-decade since, its systems have saved more than \$2 billion, of which \$442 million came in during 2011, the taxation department said. Over the years, the systems have expanded to include fact-checking of withholdings information reported on income tax returns against that reported by employers, and helping the collections agency focus on cases with the best chance of significant recovery. The system cannot track and analyze cash transaction however, since there is little third-party verification in the cash economy. The taxation department has seen a climb in merchants demanding cash payments in the few months since New York started mining credit card sales tax trends, the commissioner of taxation and finance said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/06/usa-tax-newyork-crackdown-idUSL2E8JQ00320120906>

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Transportation Sector

16. *September 7, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **School bus reported hit by gunfire on Far South Side.** A bus transporting students to a Chicago parochial school was believed to have been hit by gunfire September 7 as the vehicle was picking up children in the South Deering neighborhood, authorities said. Neither the driver nor any of the approximately 25 students on the bus at the time were injured, police said. Police were called to Our Lady of Guadalupe School, following a report of criminal damage to a bus there. Police found that a gunshot appears to have entered one of the windows of the bus, traveled through a seat, then exited another window. The bus was hit as it was picking up children about 2 miles away from the school, said a spokesman for the

Archdiocese of Chicago's Officer of Catholic Schools.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-school-bus-reported-hit-by-gunfire-on-far-south-side-20120907,0,3642493.story>

17. *September 7, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Wrightsville Rt. 462 bridge reopens after nearly six hours.** An overturned tractor-trailer September 6 injured one, triggered a diesel fuel leak, and pulled down wires in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, according to York County 911. The crash occurred at Hellam Street, near South and North Second streets and Barnes Avenue and left the road closed nearly 6 hours. The driver of the truck was reportedly out of the vehicle, but suffered a large cut to his head, 911 said. The Route 462 bridge that spans the Susquehanna River in Wrightsville — as well as nearby roads — were closed following the crash in the area, according to York County 911.

Source: http://www.ydr.com/local/ci_21480774/firefighters-respond-overturned-tractor-trailer-wrightsville?source=most_email

18. *September 7, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Fiber optics malfunction disables all Ga. 400 traffic cameras.** Traffic cameras along Georgia's Ga. 400 were on the blink September 6-7, but unlike an outage that affected some cameras the week of August 27, the problem was not caused by the theft of copper wiring. A Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) spokeswoman said the latest outage was due to a "malfunction of some kind" in the fiber optic network that relays the images from the cameras to the State's Transportation Management Center. Officials at the Transportation Management Center initially said the outage was due to the theft of copper wiring and fiber optic lines, a problem that has been plaguing the DOT and other government agencies. In a previous instance, feeds from two cameras on Ga. 400 at the Chattahoochee River in Sandy Springs went dark during the afternoon rush hour August 27, and when police officers checked, "they realized copper and fiber had been stolen from a junction box," a Sandy Springs police captain said. A man from Atlanta was recently arrested and charged with felony theft by taking for allegedly stealing copper wiring from about 50 light poles in Sandy Springs.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/wire-thefts-disable-all-ga-400-traffic-cameras/nR5Rj/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *September 7, Food Safety News* – (National) **Marlin and swordfish caught in Texas waters may pose health threat.** Blue marlin caught along the coast of Texas should no longer be consumed because mercury levels detected in these fish pose a danger to human health, warned the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Food Safety News reported September 7. TDSHS also cautioned future mothers and children not to eat swordfish from these waters. The advisory was issued after testing revealed blue marlin and swordfish from the northwestern Gulf of Mexico contained mercury at concentrations that exceed TDSHS health guidelines. Levels detected in swordfish were more than 1.6 times recommended levels. Regular or long-term consumption of blue marlin and swordfish from these waters may result in adverse health effects. Previously, the State put out an advisory about eating king mackerel. In that earlier advisory, Texas said king mackerel longer than 43 inches should not be consumed, and women of childbearing age and children under 12 should avoid eating any king mackerel longer than 37 inches.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/eating-restrictions-for-marlin-and-swordfish-caught-off-texas/#.UEoAFiK6TIY>
20. *September 7, Associated Press* – (Kentucky; Indiana; Tennessee) **7 Ky. counties receive disaster declaration as result of heat, drought.** The excessive heat and drought in Kentucky has drawn natural disaster area designations for seven counties, the Associated Press reported September 7. Surrounding counties are also affected, as well as two counties each in Indiana and Tennessee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture designated primary natural disaster areas in Boyle, Hardin, Henry, LaRue, Mercer, Monroe, and Oldham counties. The designation means farmers may be eligible for assistance. Contiguous Kentucky counties where producers qualify for assistance are Allen, Anderson, Barren, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Carroll, Casey, Cumberland, Franklin, Garrard, Grayson, Green, Hart, Jefferson, Jessamine, Lincoln, Marion, Meade, Metcalfe, Nelson, Owen, Shelby, Taylor, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford. Out-of-State contiguous counties are Clark and Harrison in Indiana, and Clay and Macon in Tennessee.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0710fbfb510f4e93a85b6ae9bf557a9b/KY--Natural-Disaster-Designation>
21. *September 6, Food Safety News* – (California) **Organic Pastures faces another recall, quarantine.** For the second time in 4 months, California issued a Statewide recall and quarantine on dairy products from Fresno-based Organic Pastures Dairy, Food Safety News reported September 6. Both recalls were triggered by the detection of campylobacter bacteria in samples of the dairy's raw cream. In the first recall, imposed May 10, the bacteria was also found in a sample of raw butter and four samples of cow manure from the milking herd. At least 10 cases of campylobacteriosis between January and the end of April were linked to consumption of these products, according to the California Department of Public Health. The dairy has had problems with pathogens in its raw milk products the past few years. In November 2011, the dairy was implicated in an E. coli outbreak when five children who were sickened with the same

strain of E. coli all reported drinking raw milk from Organic Pastures. Investigation into this outbreak lead to a quarantine and recall of all products sold by the dairy except for cheese aged longer than 60 days. Products from the dairy were subject to three other recalls and linked to two other outbreaks between 2006 and 2008.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/organic-pastures-faces-another-recall-quarantine/#.UEoAGSK6TIY>

22. *September 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Eco Health, Inc recalls product because of possible health risk.** ECO HEALTH, INC of Chatsworth, California, recalled its florAlign PREBIOTIC FORMULA (POWDER) in the following quantities: 60 units of the 90 gram PREBIOTIC FORMULA (powder); 40 units of the 180 gram PREBIOTIC FORMULA (powder); and 174 units of the 270 gram PREBIOTIC FORMULA (powder). This PREBIOTIC FORMULA was marketed under the name florAlign PREBIOTIC FORMULA, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 4. The PREBIOTIC FORMULA was being recalled because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The florAlign PREBIOTIC FORMULA was distributed within the United States via direct to consumer marketing.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm318491.htm>

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Water Sector

23. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Repairs begin on Northwest Alaska village's water pipeline.** Supplies and equipment were delivered to Kivalina, Alaska, September 6 as crews raced against the upcoming freeze-up to repair a storm-damaged water supply pipeline that left a school and teacher housing without clean water for weeks, those involved in the effort said. A final piece of equipment arrived and workers began pumping the water from the Wulik River into a 500,000-gallon tank for storage until it is filtered and transferred to a 700,000-gallon tank, said a tribal utility consultant with the health consortium leading the effort in the community of 400. The 3-mile pipeline feeds the local water plant. More than 2 weeks after school was scheduled to start, classes are still not being held in the Inupiat Eskimo community. The consultant said workers focused repairing obvious damage to the pipeline, but leaks could still be discovered once the process begins. Both the village and the Northwest Arctic Borough declared a disaster in the community, and the borough asked the State governor to declare a disaster, which would free up state money to deal with the problem.

Source: http://newsminer.com/view/full_story/20064561/article-Repairs-begin-on-Northwest-Alaska-village-s-water-pipeline?instance=home_news_window_left_bullets

24. *September 6, WATE 6 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Spill site continues to show elevated levels of E-coli.** An SUV hit a utility pole September 3 in Morristown, Tennessee, and knocked out power to a sewage pumping facility, dumping an estimated 94,000 gallons of untreated sewage into Cherokee Lake during a 47-minute power interruption to the Spring Creek sewer lift station. For several days, signs were posted warning people to avoid the water in certain areas. The Tennessee Department of Environment and

Conservation (TDEC) said the levels of bacteria were higher than normal in the area around Cherokee Park in Hamblen County. A TDEC spokesperson said storm water from September 3 may have impacted those results. Test results September 4 showed lower levels of bacteria than the samples. Officials expected levels to return to normal by the weekend of September 8.

Source: <http://www.wate.com/story/19478990/spill-site-continues-to-show-elevated-high-levels-on-e-coli>

25. *September 6, Worcester Telegram & Gazette* – (Massachusetts) **Barre official tells of coliform bacteria in water.** A burst water pipe that drained a quarter-million gallons from the municipal drinking water supply in Barre, Massachusetts, also caused a spike in the system's coliform bacteria count to above government standards last month, the chief water operator announced September 6 on the town's Web site. The town discovered the problem quickly and addressed it, he added. The Barre Web site reported that the most recent water samples, collected August 27, were negative for bacteria. A 6-inch pipe in the center of town disintegrated August 13. The sudden loss of 250,000 gallons put stress on the system and created the condition for bacterial growth, Barre's water chief said.
Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20120906/NEWS/120909684/1116>
26. *September 6, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **More than 14,000 gallons of sewer spills reported in Prichard.** More than 14,000 gallons of sewage overflowed from various locations in Prichard, Alabama, as a result of heavy rainfall earlier the week of September 3, the water works & sewer board of the city reported. Public utilities are required by law to report the overflows to the Mobile County Health Department. The system experienced multiple sanitary sewer overflows from manholes September 5.
Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2012/09/more_than_14000_gallons_of_sew.html
27. *September 6, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Strasburg issues boil water advisory.** The borough of Strasburg, Pennsylvania, issued a boil advisory for its water customers, WHTM 27 Harrisburg reported September 6. The borough manager said the advisory was issued after the State Department of Environmental Protection notified local officials of contaminated water samples and would remain in effect until September 9 at the earliest. Customers may also notice discolored water because the borough was flushing the system.
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/19474292/strasburg-issues-boil-water-advisory>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *September 6, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Loaded gun found hidden in Children's Healthcare ER.** A .40-caliber Glock handgun with two fully loaded clips was found hidden in the emergency room of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding September 3. The gun was discovered by a cleaning woman as she changed trash bags in an ER bathroom, according to an incident report filed by Atlanta police. The weapon was placed between the bag and the trash can. The hospital

increased its security presence and has a “dedicated security officer in the emergency department,” said a Children’s Healthcare spokeswoman September 6.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/loading-gun-found-hidden-in-childrens-healthcare-er/nR42s/>

29. *September 6, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Florida Hospital employee accused of selling patient records pleads not guilty.** The former Florida Hospital employee accused of searching through hundreds of thousands of patient records and selling them to outsiders pleaded not guilty in federal court September 6; he was arrested August 17. He was facing six federal charges for what the FBI said was a massive records breach at Florida Hospital. Federal agents said the former emergency room employee at Florida Hospital Celebration accessed more than 700,000 patient records from 2009 to 2011 from several different Florida Hospital locations. They alleged he was looking for car accident victims, taking the information, and then selling it to a recruiter for chiropractors and attorneys.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/florida-hospital-employee-accused-selling-patient-nR45T/>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *September 7, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **White powder causes concern at county courthouse.** A hazardous materials crew responded September 6 to the Burlington County, New Jersey Courthouse in Mount Holly after a man tried to enter the building with a bag full of white powder. He immediately was stopped by county sheriff’s officers and never entered the building, officials said. The powder was tested and turned out to be cornstarch, a county spokeswoman said. The man told the officers he was taking the bag to the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office in the seven-story building, but then changed his story, officials said. Authorities wanted the man evaluated for mental health concerns.

Source:

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/breaking_news/white-powder-causes-concern-at-county-courthouse/article_2ed4384b-475d-5912-b8e4-34abf1e1945c.html

31. *September 7, Westerly Sun* – (Rhode Island) **Chemical incident leads to changes in procedures.** A 2-page “After Action” document following the June 1 chemical incident at Westerly High School in Rhode Island was finally released at the school committee’s meeting the week of September 3. The document, produced by school administrators and emergency agencies, contains several practical and procedural recommendations, many of which focus on improving communications among school personnel, emergency agencies, and other first responders. Early June 1, two students complained of headaches, nausea and dizziness. The principal evacuated the building, but reopened it a short time later after Westerly firefighters were unable to detect carbon monoxide

or other contaminants in initial air quality tests. But a few hours later, 16 additional students and an adult said they were feeling sick, and firefighters returned. Eight students and one adult were taken to a hospital and were later released. An important part of the new protocol involves the use and assignment of the school nurse.

Emergency crews moved the nurse from the school clinic to a location outside the school during the incident. Administrators say they will develop a plan to make sure medical help is still available inside the school if the nurse is sent to another location.

Source: http://www.thewesterlysun.com/news/chemical-incident-leads-to-changes-in-procedures/article_a0cf9388-f8f6-11e1-b77c-001a4bcf887a.html

32. *September 6, Nextgov* – (National) **BYOD security monitoring is not the norm.** More than 82 percent of federal computer security professionals have policies for safeguarding government data on employees' personal smartphones — but most have no idea whether those policies are being followed every day, according to a new study released September 6 by cybersecurity compliance firm nCircle. About 90 percent of participants who had bring-your-own-device, or BYOD, security policies said they were enforcing them. Enforcement for personal devices probably involves simply spot checking security posture and other periodic oversight, said nCircle's director of federal markets. Only 62 percent of respondents said they have a strategy for conducting continuous monitoring. "Part of the issue is our standards have gone up," she said. Continuous monitoring became a requirement less than 3 years ago. "If you look at the mobile device arena, it's very complex. You have five or six different operating systems that you need to monitor," she added. Each brand has widely different approaches to encrypting data and verifying user identities. To gather insights, nCircle surveyed online and interviewed more than 100 government security workers, including risk and audit managers, senior executives, and contractors. The study was conducted between April and July.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2012/09/byod-security-monitoring-not-norm/57923/?oref=ng-channelriver>

33. *September 6, CNN* – (North Carolina) **North Carolina man accused of Twitter threats to kill President.** A North Carolina man was arrested September 5 and accused of threatening to kill the U.S. President in a series of Twitter messages. He had an initial court appearance in Charlotte September 6 and remains in custody. According to a criminal complaint, he sent five Twitter messages September 3 threatening the President, 2 days before the President arrived in Charlotte for the Democratic National Convention. The court document states a Secret Service intelligence research specialist saw the messages on Twitter, which led to an agent going to the suspect's home to interview him September 5. "[The suspect] stated that he published the statements because he hated [the President]," a Secret Service agent wrote in the affidavit. "[He] asserted that he was high on marijuana when he made the threats but that he understood what he was doing and that it was wrong." According to the court document, the agent then arrested him on several outstanding warrants. The officer said the suspect's demeanor changed and the suspect asserted he was sorry he sent the messages.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/06/justice/obama-threat-arrest/index.html>

34. *September 6, Press Publications* – (Ohio) **Man charged for threat on Facebook.** An East Toledo, Ohio man faces one count each of aggravated menacing and attempted inducing panic charges after allegedly posting a message on a Facebook page that threatened fans, players, and the coaching staff of the Lake High School football program. Lake Township police said a recognizance bond for the suspect has been issued by Perrysburg Municipal Court that prevents him from going on Lake school property or having contact with district personnel or students. “There is too much stuff going on to not take this seriously,” the township police chief said. The school superintendent said his office was made aware of the Facebook posting and turned the information over to the police department.
Source: <http://www.presspublications.com/from-the-press/10087-man-charged-for-threat-on-facebook>
35. *September 6, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **PV spending \$395,000 for courthouse security upgrade.** Officials said construction has begun on improving the Paradise Valley, Arizona municipal courthouse to increase security at the facility, the Arizona Republic reported September 6. “We need a separate, secure entry,” said the mayor. “We’re the only court in the state that doesn’t have this necessary security.” Construction is expected to be completed in December. In the meantime, court services are being provided out of the police department in the Paradise Valley municipal complex. Improvements for the court will include a multipurpose judge/jury room, magnetometer, X-ray machines, audio-visual systems, and a secure entrance for prisoners. The municipal court director said the court will have the security equipment other courts use. The court employs three full-time and two part-time employees, as well as two part-time contracted security officers.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/nephoenix/articles/20120904paradise-valley-spending-courthouse-security-upgrade.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *September 7, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **New Orleans man arrested after allegedly threatening to blow up FEMA facility.** A New Orleans man was charged with threatening to blow up a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) facility, the New Orleans Times-Picayune reported September 7. According to a criminal complaint, the man called a FEMA call center September 5 and told an employee he “was going to blow up the FEMA site located at 19868 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans ... because a FEMA inspector lied to him regarding disaster assistance,” said the office of a U.S. Attorney. The man told the inspector that “People will know I was there. I am going to blow FEMA up,” according to the complaint. New Orleans police arrested him, and he was placed in the custody of the Federal Protective Service. The man admitted he contacted the agency’s call center and made the threat because he was unhappy with a FEMA inspector’s decision regarding post-Hurricane Isaac disaster assistance for his home. A conviction could result in a prison term of as

long as 10 years and a fine of \$250,000.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2012/09/new_orleans_man_arrested_for_t.html

37. *September 6, Joplin Globe* – (Missouri) **Guns, drugs stolen from locker at Lanagan police station.** The McDonald County, Missouri sheriff said September 6 that investigators have been probing a theft from the city police station in Lanagan. Guns and drugs were reported as stolen. “It was discovered last Saturday, late afternoon,” he said. “The evidence locker was broken into,” and three firearms and a quantity of drugs were taken. Investigators thought they had some clues in the theft probe, but the trail is growing cold, the sheriff said. “We’re just keeping our eyes and ears open, and we’re pretty sure the property will turn up at some point.” Authorities are looking specifically for a pump-action shotgun, a .357-caliber Magnum revolver, and a .22-caliber pistol. Source: http://www.joplinglobe.com/crime_and_courts/x1052787649/Guns-drugs-stolen-from-locker-at-Lanagan-police-station
38. *September 6, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Man faces charges after bomb threat hoax in New Caney.** A man was arrested September 5 after he called the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office claiming he placed a bomb under a vehicle at the East Montgomery County Annex in New Caney, Texas and was about to detonate it. The man told a call taker his first name and then stated he earlier placed a “chemical based bomb with shrapnel” beneath a Precinct 4 Constable’s Office patrol vehicle parked at the annex. He said he could see the vehicle and had a detonator, according to authorities. A perimeter was established and the entire annex building was evacuated, officials with the Precinct 4 Constable’s Office said. Precinct 4 deputies then noticed a man walking near the annex and pursued him on foot before a deputy apprehended him. The man turned out to be the caller. After his arrest, he admitted making the bomb threat. Officials discovered there was no bomb. The man is being charged with false alarm or report of emergency and evading arrest/detention. Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8800547>
39. *September 6, Hartford Business Journal* – (Connecticut) **CT warns of ‘drive-by’ FBI scam virus.** Connecticut authorities were warning online consumers to be alert for a new “drive-by” Internet virus carrying a fake message and claiming to impose a so-called fine from the FBI, Hartford Business Journal reported September 6. The State attorney general and the State’s consumer watchdog warned September 6 that digital thieves may be targeting email addresses owned by Connecticut residents. According to the attorney general, the virus is designed to extort money from its victims. An email purportedly from the FBI contains a Web link that, once clicked and opened, downloads and installs a virus on the user’s computer. The virus immediately locks the computer and displays a screen stating there has been a violation of federal law and that the user’s IP address was identified by the FBI for viewing child pornography and other illegal content. The message then demands money through a prepaid money card service as a “fine” to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Source:

<http://www.hartfordbusiness.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120906/NEWS01/120909915>

40. *September 5, WNEM 5 Bay City* – (Michigan) **Prison still under quarantine as illnesses spread.** Nearly 100 people, counting prisoners and staff at the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland, Michigan, were battling E-coli infections. The outbreak was first noticed the week of August 27, and shortly after that the facility was quarantined to prevent the spread. Eighty-nine prisoners and seven staff members were suffering from nausea and diarrhea. Local and State health departments were investigating and said this strand of E-coli is particularly nasty, and there is no treatment. Four people have been hospitalized. The illness is usually spread through food. A representative for the Corrections Department said all food is prepared on-site in the prison kitchen. No new cases have been reported recently, but the incubation period for the illness is 3 to 7 days. Once a week passes without a new diagnosis, the quarantine will be lifted and normal activity and visiting hours at the prison will resume.

Source: http://www.wnem.com/story/19456646/prison-under-quarantine-as-illnesses-spread?hpt=us_bn9

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Information Technology Sector

41. *September 7, Wired* – (International) **Sleuths trace new zero-day attacks to hackers who hit Google.** According to a report by Symantec, the hacker group that hit Google in 2010 has been targeting other companies and organizations, using some of the same methods of attack, as well as a remarkable set of valuable zero-day vulnerabilities. The attackers used at least eight zero-days in the last 3 years, including ones that targeted the ubiquitous software plugin Flash and Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser. Researchers at Symantec traced the group's work after finding many similarities between the Google attack code and methods and those used against other firms and organizations over the last few years. The researchers say the group — which they dubbed the "Elderwood gang" based on the name of a parameter used in the attack codes — appears to have breached more than 1,000 computers in companies throughout several sectors, including defense, shipping, oil and gas, financial, technology, and Internet service providers. The group also targeted non-governmental organizations. The majority of victims were in the United States, with the attacks focused on gathering intelligence and stealing intellectual property, such as product design documents and trade secrets, infrastructure details, and contact information. Many of the attacks involved supply-chain companies that provide services or electronic and mechanical parts. Symantec says it appears the attackers used victims in the supply-chain as stepping-stones to breach firms they are really targeting. In some cases, the group used spear-phishing to infect targets through an exploit embedded in an email attachment or a link to a malicious Web site. Also, they increasingly used a technique that involves breaching Web sites that cater to a particular audience they want to target and injecting an exploit into Web pages, waiting for victims to visit the pages and be infected.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/09/google-hacker-gang-returns/>

42. *September 7, The H* – (International) **WordPress 3.4 update fixes security vulnerabilities.** The WordPress developers released an update to their open source publishing platform that closes important security holes. Version 3.4.2 of WordPress addresses two privilege escalation vulnerabilities that could potentially be exploited by a malicious user to bypass certain security restrictions.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/WordPress-3-4-update-fixes-security-vulnerabilities-1702501.html>
43. *September 6, The Register* – (International) **UPEK fingerprint scanners insecure, says Elcomsoft.** According to security software company Elcomsoft, fingerprint scanners from UPEK take users' Windows passwords and dump them in near-plain-text in the registry. The security hole was turned up in the UPEK Protector Suite, which until recently shipped with laptops using the company's scanners. While the software was replaced following the merger of UPEK and Authentec, Elcomsoft's notes most users will not have installed the new software. Elcomsoft identifies Dell, Acer, ASUS, Gateway, Lenovo, MSI, Samsung, Sony, NEC, Toshiba, and others as current or former UPEK customers. Lenovo says in a support forum post that it is investigating the issue. There are two requirements for the vulnerability to be exploited: The user has to be using the fingerprint scanner as their default Windows login, and an attacker would need physical access to the machine. Elcomsoft recommends that users disable "Windows login" in the UPEK Protector Suite.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/06/dumb_security_in_biometrics/
44. *September 6, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Microsoft plans quiet Patch Tuesday.** Microsoft is planning a relatively small release for Patch Tuesday September 11 with only a pair of security updates. Both security bulletins address privilege escalation issues and are rated "Important." According to Microsoft, one of the bulletins is focused on Microsoft Developer Tools, while the other is focused on Microsoft Server Software. The update could be the calm before the storm for some organizations, argued a security researcher at Rapid7, given Microsoft's plans to release an update through Windows Update in October that will increase the requirements for certificates. For users who find they are using certificates with RSA key lengths of less than 1024 bits, those certificates will be required to be reissued with at least a 1024-bit key length, according to a member of Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Group.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-plans-quiet-patch-tuesday>
45. *September 6, Threatpost* – (International) **Virtual machine escape exploit targets Xen.** Details of a dangerous virtual machine escape exploit were revealed September 5 by French research outfit VUPEN Security. The attack exploits a recently reported vulnerability in Xen hypervisors and allows an attacker within a guest virtual machine to escape to the host and execute code. VUPEN's exploit would escalate an attacker's local privileges to the most privileged domain, essentially giving the outsider control over the host and other guest virtual machines, a VUPEN researcher indicated. The exploit targets a vulnerability reported in June that affects the way Intel processors implement error handling in the AMD SYSRET instruction.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/virtual-machine-escape-exploit-targets-xen-090612

46. *September 6, SC Magazine* – (International) **New Pushdo variant infects more than 100k computers.** A new variant of the revived Pushdo trojan has infected more than 100,000 computers since the beginning of August, and it is using a new technique to confuse researchers trying to study the botnet. As is the case with most botnet scenarios, computers that are infected with Pushdo attempt to communicate with their command-and-control server for instructions. However, the botmasters customized the malware so it simultaneously delivers HTTP requests to some 300 lesser known, but legitimate, Web sites, which mixes in with traffic meant for the command-and-control hub, said a senior security researcher at the Dell SecureWorks Counter Threat Unit.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/new-pushdo-variant-infects-more-than-100k-computers/printarticle/257666/>
47. *September 6, eWeek* – (International) **Phone-focused cyber-criminals move to premium scams.** Mobile devices are typically of limited value to online criminals who are driven by money. However, criminals in China, Russia, and Eastern Europe have found a model that appears to be particularly effective: Using malware to charge for fraudulent premium services. Known as toll fraud, the technique has increased exponentially, accounting for 79 percent of all malware detected by mobile security firm Lookout, the company stated in a report released September 6. Fake installers are the primary method for infecting users and have likely brought in millions of dollars from victims in Eastern Europe and Russia, according to Lookout. In the United States, malicious Web links and aggressive advertising are far more common, Lookout found.
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/PhoneFocused-CyberCriminals-Move-to-Premium-Scams-513272/>
48. *September 4, Dark Reading* – (International) **McAfee: Close to 100k new malware samples per day in Q2.** Malware writers went on a record-breaking tear in the second quarter of 2012, generating some 100,000 new samples per day, according to a new report from McAfee. McAfee says there was a 1.5 million increase in malware since the first quarter of 2012, closing in on a rate of nearly 100,000 unique malware samples per day. The hot new threats emerging in the second quarter were drive-by mobile downloads, mobile ransomware, and using Twitter to control mobile botnets. Android malware, by far, accounted for most of the new malware McAfee detected, and it was a combination of SMS-borne malware, mobile botnets, spyware, and trojans. Another trend is an increase in ransomware attacks, where cyber criminals are holding computers and data hostage in exchange for money or some forms of payment. Twitter is increasingly being used as a command-and-control infrastructure for mobile botnets, using tweets for commands, up from close to 90,000 new variants in the first quarter to more than 120,000 in the second quarter. Meanwhile, McAfee also found 2.7 million new bad URLs each month in the second quarter, with some 10,000 new malicious domains each day. Of the bad-reputation URLs, nearly 95 percent were housing malware for hijacking victim machines.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/attacks-breaches/240006702/mcafee-close-to-100k-new-malware-samples-per-day-in-q2.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *September 7, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **One killed, one injured in shooting at Louisville church.** One person died and another was critically injured in a shooting at a Louisville, Kentucky church September 6. WAVE 3 Louisville reported the suspect opened fire inside the Springdale Community Church during a homeowners' association meeting. Neighbors said the man was involved in a dispute over his home. One victim was pronounced dead at the scene. EMS took the second victim to the hospital. Officials called that person's injuries life threatening. A retired police officer managed to subdue the shooter and hold him until police arrived. Court documents indicate the man and the members of the neighborhood association were arguing over a driveway the man installed at his home.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/one-killed-one-injured-in-shooting-at-louisville-church>

50. *September 7, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **2 treated after fire at St. Matthews hotel.** Two people were transported to a hospital by ambulance after a fire in the Extended Stay America hotel in St. Matthews, Kentucky, September 7. One was a hotel guest who may have suffered from smoke inhalation and the other was a firefighter who suffered a possible concussion. The MetroSafe dispatch stated the 9-1-1 call early the morning of September 7 reported a fire on the first floor of the hotel. Crews from several departments responded. Investigators said the fire started in the wall of a room on the first floor and created a lot of smoke. Firefighters said as smoke spread to the second and third floors, they decided to evacuate the entire building. Guests at the hotel were escorted to their rooms to get items they may need.
Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/19481270/crews-on-scene-of-fire-at-st-matthews-hotel>

51. *September 7, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Denver RadioShack Standoff: Hostage held in Colfax store, shots fired.** Denver police swarmed a RadioShack store where an

armed suspect took hostages and held at least one person hostage for many hours, September 7. A police officer was inside the store and in contact with SWAT officers and negotiators, officials said early the afternoon of September 7. SWAT officers with riot shields entered the store late in the morning. Denver police threw a phone into the store for the suspect to use. Witnesses at the scene noted a second man in the store, who was not a hostage, after the second suspect spoke over the phone. They said that person said the suspects did not want to come out because they would go to jail for the rest of their lives because they “shot at cops.” A Denver police spokesman said a robbery was reported and officers responded within minutes. Shots were fired, but he said there is no confirmation anyone was injured. Businesses in the adjacent strip mall and nearby streets were evacuated. Traffic on East Colfax Avenue was blocked by 40 to 50 police and emergency vehicles. About 15 to 20 police officers, including SWAT-team members, were positioned in front of the RadioShack. Four Denver Public schools (DPS) were on lockdown. A DPS spokeswoman said the schools would remain on lockdown until police deem the area safe.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/recommended/ci_21490473

52. *September 7, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Boats, RVs burn in storage facility fire south of Sheldon.** Investigators in Harris County, Texas, were trying to determine what caused a storage facility fire September 7. The fire burned more than a dozen boats and recreational vehicles. The Harris County Fire Marshal said the fire broke out September 6 in a facility south of Sheldon. Responding firefighters found a 30-unit storage facility completely engulfed in flames. By the time firefighters were able to contain the fire, the entire building was destroyed along with at least 17 boats and RVs.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Boats-RVs-burn-in-storage-facility-fire-south-of-Sheldon-168892586.html>

53. *September 7, Johnstown Tribune-Democrat* – (Pennsylvania) **Five injured when car drives into store.** Five people were rushed to the hospital with injuries ranging from minor to severe September 6 after an SUV crashed through the doors of a Richland Township, Pennsylvania store, and scattered customers, shattered glass, and merchandise, authorities said. Four ambulances, three fire trucks, and police cruisers arrived at Richland Town Centre within minutes of the crash at the Dollar Tree next to Walmart. “We know somebody was trapped underneath the vehicle,” a police sergeant said. Authorities said the driver of a GMC Envoy pulled into a parking space and got hung up on a curb. The driver was uninjured.

Source: <http://tribune-democrat.com/local/x1023272608/Five-injured-when-car-drives-into-store>

54. *September 6, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Massachusetts) **Store’s merchandise damaged after flood.** Torrential downpours within a matter of hours September 5 caused broken sewer pipes and flooding in Fall River, Massachusetts. Public works crews remained busy clearing storm drains September 6. At J&B Hockey and Sporting Goods customers were temporarily trapped by the floods. “Water just came from everywhere. It came from the ceiling, it came through the doors, we had people trapped inside. It was nuts,” said a spokesman for the store. The owner said dozens of boxes full of clothing were ruined.

Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/local_news/se_mass/chaos-after-customers-trapped-by-floods?hpt=us_bn7

55. *September 6, Mission Local* – (California) **26 people displaced by two-alarm fire.** Two buildings were damaged by a two-alarm fire that broke out in a three-story building in San Francisco, September 6. The blaze displaced 26 residents, according to initial reports from the San Francisco Fire Department. The smoke may also have affected a third building, said a fire department spokeswoman. Neighbors on the scene September 6 said the fire appeared to have originated in the staircase, and that the cause seemed to be electrical. The Red Cross was called to help displaced residents and the arson unit was sent to the scene to investigate, said the fire department.
Source: <http://missionlocal.org/2012/09/two-alarm-fire-at-22nd-and-dolores-sts-displaces-26-people/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *September 7, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **3rd Yosemite visitor dies of hantavirus.** Officials announced two new cases of hantavirus infection linked to Yosemite National Park in California after health authorities confirmed them September 6, a park spokesman said. One case resulted in a fatality, which was reported by the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department in West Virginia, the Los Angeles Times reported September 7. A park spokesman said the victim stayed in one of 91 “signature tent cabins” in Curry Village in mid-June. Park officials have attributed seven of the eight cases of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome — three of which have been fatal — to the insulated signature tent cabins and warned that anyone who stayed there between June 10 and August 24 was at risk. The other newly reported infection was linked to camps along the High Sierra Loop, a route frequented by backpackers. Now Yosemite officials are sending emails and letters to about 6,000 people who stayed in the High Sierra Camps and the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge this summer, the spokesman said. The 91 signature tent cabins in Curry Village were cleared the week of August 27 as crews cleaned and retrofitted them to fill gaps that allowed mice inside the insulated walls. They remain closed indefinitely.
Source: <http://www.morrisdailyherald.com/2012/09/07/3rd-yosemite-visitor-dies-of-hantavirus/a9llfmv/>
57. *September 7, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Chadron State Park reopening after fire.** The U.S. Forest Service has closed areas of the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands that were scorched by wildfire over the week of September 3, the Omaha World-Herald reported September 7. Chadron State Park in Dawes County reopened September 7. Another area attraction, Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Research and Visitor Center, was scheduled to reopen September 8 with limitations. The Forest Service’s closings were to protect the public and natural resources while the impact of the fire is assessed, according to a statement. The forest will be reopened in stages.

Source: http://www.kearneyhub.com/news/local/chadron-state-park-reopening-after-fire/article_c98e3192-f8e9-11e1-9fd5-001a4bcf887a.html

58. *September 7, Chico Enterprise-Record* – (California) **North Pass Fire in smoldering; Colusa fire still on the run.** The North Pass Fire smoldered and crept through the understory of California's Mendocino National Forest September 5. Still at 41,983 acres, containment was up to 68 percent September 5. Most of the active fire was along the northern edge of the fire in the Yolla Bolly Wilderness. Elsewhere, patrolling for hot spots and repairing firefighting damage was under way. The mandatory evacuation on the Bauer Ranch subdivision was lifted. The fire, which was started by lightning August 18, burned 16 structures and injured 9 firefighters. A pair of fires that broke out September 4 in Colusa County grew to 3,500 acres by September 5. The 16 Complex Fire, off Highway 16 South of Highway 20 in the Rumsey Canyon area, was 10 percent contained at last report by Cal Fire. An evacuation warning was in effect for the Cortina Rancheria area. Highway 16 was closed from Highway 20 south beyond the Colusa/Yolo county line. The cause of the fires, about 4 miles apart, is under investigation. Another fire that broke out in Yolo County at about the same time, the 27 Fire, was contained in about 4 hours at 127 acres.

Source: http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci_21478876/north-pass-fire-smoldering-colusa-fire-still-run

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Dams Sector

59. *September 7, WECT 6 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Wastewater spill in Barnards Creek.** A waste water spill occurred in the Barnards Creek area near Wilmington, North Carolina, adjacent to River Road according to the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA). A press release stated, a private contractor hired by the CFPUA opened a series of valves on an 18-inch forcemain during pipe cleaning operations September 6. The valves were since closed but the CFPUA estimates 35,000 gallons of wastewater discharged directly into Barnards Creek, which flows to the Cape Fear River. CFPUA Environment and Safety Management planned to perform water quality monitoring to determine the impact of the spill.

Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/19482481/wastewater-spill>

60. *September 6, Associated Press; WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Shawano man rescued safely after part of Dodge County dam collapsed.** A Shawano, Wisconsin, man was rescued safely after being trapped under a large concrete block that fell off part of the Lake Sinissippi Dam on the Rock River in Hustisford, Wisconsin, September 6. The village of Hustisford fire chief said at a news conference the worker was extricated from under the concrete and that he was doing OK. Construction crews were removing key components of the dam when part of it collapsed. Department of natural resources dam experts responded and said there was no significant danger of the dam breaching immediately following the collapse. Authorities worked to get a large crane from Milwaukee to the scene, but the rescue

was completed before the crane could arrive.

Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/168819216.html>

61. *September 5, Hattiesburg American* – (Mississippi) **Weakened dam prompts evacuation.** An earthen dam in the Lake Serene chain in Mississippi, damaged by the heavy rains of Hurricane Isaac, showed further surface erosion September 4, forcing the draining of Oak Grove Lake and a precautionary evacuation. The Lamar County Emergency Management Agency director said that two 12-inch pumps brought in by the Mississippi Emergency Agency were in operation since midnight September 5, helping displace water into Stump Lake to take pressure off the compromised barrier. He estimated the depth of Oak Grove Lake was 10 to 12 feet and would have to drop 10 feet. The pumps were redistributing 6,000 to 8,000 gallons of water a minute. For a stretch of about 100 yards along the western edge of the dam, the top layers of earth sloughed off September 3. Once discovered, the spillway valve on Oak Grove Lake was opened, beginning the draining process and Buccaneer Drive that runs across the spillway and along the lake's shore was closed. A county engineer said, "The cracks that we're seeing (along the surface) have not made their way to the core of the dam."

Source:

http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20120906/NEWS01/209060355/Weakened-dam-prompts-evacuation?nclick_check=1

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